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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 19, 1957
Room 814 District National

Attendance

MDAC

Mr. Hale, Chairman
Mr. Kramer, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Huver, Committee Secretary

CIA

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Commerce

Mr. George

Defense

Mr. Nichols
Mr. Martino

ICA

Mr. Slaght

State

Mr. Wright

Treasury

Mr. Pollak

Agenda

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Note a. [REDACTED] Talks

Note b. Progress Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review

Note c. Memorandum to EDAC on Current Conditions in COCOM

1. Review of Draft Paper on "Control Criteria"

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Note a. Talks

Decision

The Executive Committee will continue the study and preparation for EDAC with a general understanding that the papers being prepared are focused on the U.S. position for a Consultative Group meeting and are not necessarily for the U.S. position to be taken in the forthcoming talks. The Executive Committee will proceed along this line until they are requested to do otherwise.

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Discussion

The Chairman said he had hoped that EDAC would be receiving from the Department of State some understanding of what subjects are going to be discussed with the British and the extent to which State would want EDAC assistance and advice with respect to the questions which it is felt will be raised. He explained that he is concerned as to whether the current preparation of reports in the Executive Committee for EDAC is being done in such a way as to be helpful if EDAC is asked for advice on the talks.

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The State member reported that he has learned that will be responsible for the on economic warfare, which will also include economic penetration, and will be responsible for the bilateral committee on economic defense matters.

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He said he did not know what instructions or guidance they have received, but he felt the talks would be fairly informal and that the State Department would use the EDAC structure for exploration of what to say to the . He did not think there was any timetable but felt that the talks would probably take place soon, so that they could be completed before the NATO meeting. He added that the discussions are sure to include the subject of COCOM criteria and probably the thermonuclear problem.

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Note b. Progress Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee reported on the status of reports on the remaining categories. He anticipated that the Subcommittee would complete its work by the end of this week, except for some "tag ends".

Note c. Memorandum to EDAC on Current Conditions in COCOM

Decision

At its meeting on November 21st, the Executive Committee will discuss the recent happenings in COCOM which have a harmful impact on the control system, preparatory to submitting a memorandum on this subject to EDAC. [Subsequently issued as EDAC D-1417]

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Discussion

The Defense member stated that he felt there should be a discussion in the Executive Committee soon on the actions and devices being employed by the other PCs in COCOM to eliminate controls. He cited as an example the recent flow of requests for definitional changes. He felt the matter is getting out of hand and that a report on the problem should be sent to EDAC as soon as possible, requesting them to determine whether or not the U.S. should call a meeting of the Consultative Group.

1. Review of Draft Paper on "Control Criteria"

Decision

The draft paper entitled "Control Criteria", as revised at this meeting, met with the approval of all members for submission to EDAC. /See Tab A to EDAC D-1407

Discussion

The members reviewed the above-mentioned paper paragraph by paragraph. It will be submitted to EDAC, along with other papers under review, in response to the EDAC request that the Executive Committee prepare a U.S. position to be taken in a Consultative Group meeting.

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